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IN THE MATTER OF: )
AMENDMENTS TO 35 ILL. ADM. )
CODE PART 203: MAJOR )
STATIONARY SOURCES ) R 22-17
CONSTRUCTION AND )
MODIFICATION, 35 ILL. ADM. )
CODE PART 204:PREVENTION )
OF SIGNIFICANT )
DETERIORATION, AND PART )
232: TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had and testimony
taken at the Hearing of the above-entitled cause, taken before the ILLINOIS POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, held on Thursday, the 7th day of April, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 A.M., by GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS, CSR License No. 084-001205, duly qualified and commissioned for the State of Illinois.

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MR. ANAND RAO, Board Technical Unit

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MR. JASON SCHNEPP (via video)

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY GROUP BY:
MR. ALEC DAVIS (via video)
MR. COLIN CAMPBELL (via video)
MS. LADONNA DRIVER (via video)


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decision on the proposal, testimony or other questions.

For the sake of our court reporter, please speak clearly and avoid speaking at the same time as another person so that we can help produce a clear transcript.

A background on this rule making. On August 16th, 2021 the Illinois Environment Regulatory Group, or IERG, filed this rule-making proposal with the Board.

The one hearing took place on
February 17, 2022 between Springfield and Chicago via video conference.

The Board received no pre-trial testimony for this hearing; however, the Board did receive four public comments since the first hearing. PC5 from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, PC6 from IEPA, and PC7 from IERG as well.

As a result of the public comments, a Hearing Officer Order dated April 4th, 2022, the Board pre-filed questions for IEPA and IERG.

So if anybody does sign up for public comment, we will start with those. Is anybody wanting to give a public comment in Springfield?

[^0](The oath was thereupon duly administered to the witness by the Notary.)

MR. PAULEY: So I am going to just go through the questions that the Board filed, and if there are any that you guys are going to answer, I'll let you answer those there, and then whichever ones you're going to file in post-hearing comments, you can let me know as well.

So I'm just going to say the number first before I read everything. Question number 1.

MS. CARTER: The agency will be addressing in post-hearing comments.

MR. PAULEY: Thank you. Question number 2?

MS. CARTER: The agency will be addressing in post-hearing comments.

MR. PAULEY: Question number 3?
MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will provide an answer.

MR. PAULEY: Thank you. So I will read the question and then allow Mr. Schnepp to answer.

MS. CARTER: Okay.
MR. PAULEY: Regarding the proposed definition of net emissions increase, under Section 203.1260, please clarify whether the Agency is proposing any revisions, or just providing an explanation of the definitions.

MR. SCHNEPP: The Illinois EPA is proposing one revision to the proposed definition of "net emissions increase." In Section $203.1260(\mathrm{~b})(3)(\mathrm{D})$, which reads as follows. I'm skipping down to capital D.
"The Agency has not relied on it in issuing any permit under 35 Ill. ADM. Code 201.142 or 201.143 or this part or 35 Ill. ADM. Code Part 204, or 40 CFR 52.21, emphasis added to the words 40 CFR 52.21, and has not relied on it for demonstrating attainment or reasonable further
progress.
"The remainder of the discussion of net emissions increased on Pages 6 through 9 of the Illinois EPA's initial comments and recommendations for additional revisions referred to as initial comments provided further explanation for the definition."

MR. PAULEY: Thank you. We have a follow-up?

MR. RAO: I have just a follow-up.
There are certain comments the Agency has made, including the definition of net emissions increase where you have provided the Agency's interpretation of the proposed rules, and some of the explanations differ from IERG's technical support document descriptions.

So the question is whether IEPA wants your interpretation to be memorialized in the opinion, if the Board agrees with that?

MS. CARTER: The Agency will address that in post-hearing comments.

MR. RAO: Okay, thank you.
MS. CARTER: Thank you.
MR. PAULEY: Okay. We'll move on to
question number 4.
MS. CARTER: The Illinois EPA defers its response to its post-hearing comments.

MR. PAULEY: Thank you. Question No. 5?
MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will be answering that question.

MR. PAULEY: Okay. I will first read the question and then give Mr. Schnepp an opportunity to answer.

Regarding the significant emissions rate for $N O x$ and VOM in serious or severe ozone attainment areas, the Agency states that the information in the PSD table, Pages 19 and 20, is inaccurate and incomplete. TC-6 at 23.

Further, the Agency provides clarification of how "netting" must be applied to be consistent with the U.S. EPA's guidance.

Please comment on whether any rule language changes are necessary to maintain consistency with the USEPA guidance on the application of "netting" to determine significant emissions of NOx and VOM.
If so, propose the appropriate language
changes.

MR. SCHNEPP: No rule language changes are necessary.

The Illinois EPA's discussion on
Pages 23 through 25 of the Illinois EPA's initial comments was offered to clarify and correct information in the PSD table on Pages 19 through 20 as it addressed the significant emissions rate for NOx and VOM in serious or severe ozone non-attainment areas.

MR. PAULEY: All right. We'll go on to question No. 6.

MS. CARTER: Mr. Schnepp will be providing a response to that.

MR. PAULEY: Thank you.
On page 27, regarding the determination of significant emissions increase from a proposed NANSR project, the Agency clarifies that decreases in emissions at affected emissions units resulting from the projects need not be addressed with a broader netting analysis for other contemporaneous changes in emissions.

The Agency provides similar clarification regarding PSD project on Pages 44 and 45.

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[^2]Seeing none in either room, I'll take a moment to address the economic impact statement.

Section 27 (b) of the Environment
Protection Act provides that the Board must request that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, DCEO, conduct an Economic Impact Study of proposed rules before the Board adopts the rules.

The Board must make either the Economic Impact Study, or the department's explanation for not conducting one available to the public at least 20 days before a public hearing.

In a letter dated September 9th, 2021, the Board's Chair, Barbara Flynn Currie, requested that DCEO conduct an Economic Impact Study of this ruling and proposal.

On November 22nd, 2021, the Board received a letter from the DCEO declining to conduct an Economic Impact Study.

Is there anyone present today who would like to testify regarding the Board's request for a study and DCEO's response?
(No response.)
MR. PAULEY: All right. Seeing none, let's
go off the record for a moment.
(There was a discussion held off
the record, after which the hearing resumed as follows:)

MR. PAULEY: We went off the record to
discuss procedural issues.
The post-hearing deadline for comments is May 16th, 2022.

Copies of this transcript of today's hearing are expected to be available no later than Thursday, April 14th, 2022. Promptly after the Board receives the transcript, it will be posted to COOL, from which it can be viewed and printed.

Are there any other matters that need to be addressed at this time? Seeing none, I would like to thank everyone for participating today. This second hearing is adjourned.
(Which were all the proceedings taken at the hearing of the above-entitled cause.)

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I, GLORIA APOSTOLOS SIOLIDIS, C.S.R., duly
qualified and commissioned for the State of Illinois, County of DuPage, do hereby certify that I reported in shorthand the proceedings had and testimony taken at the Hearing of the above-entitled cause, and that the foregoing transcript is a true, correct, and complete report of the entire testimony so taken at the time and place hereinabove set forth.

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